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John O. Lamping et al

Application No.: 10/017,504

Filed: December 14, 2001

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
GUIDED CLUSTER BASED  
PROCESSING ON PROTOTYPES

Confirmation No.: 5615

Examiner: Cindy Nguyen

Art Unit: 2171

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF  
THE INTERVIEW

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Sir:

The following is a Statement of the Substance of the Interview for the telephonic interview conducted on August 27, 2004. This is responsive to the Interview Summary mailed September 1, 2004 on the above-referenced application. Applicants respectfully request that the following remarks be entered.

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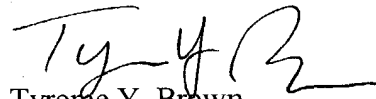
REMARKS

Applicants gratefully thank Examiners Safet Metjahic and Cindy Nguyen for the courtesy shown to Applicants' undersigned representative and Richard Ogawa (Reg. No. 37,692) during the Examiner Interview. No exhibits were shown or demonstrations conducted.

During the telephonic interview, Applicants' representatives provided a proposed claim (i.e., claim 4 rewritten in independent form) and discussed U.S. patent 6,446,061 to Doerre et al. ("Doerre"). Examiners agreed that the proposed claim distinguishes over Doerre as far as the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection is concerned.

Also, as the proposed claim does not alter the scope of the claimed invention, Examiners agreed to enter an amendment upon formal filing.

Respectfully submitted,



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